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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to improve bilateral relations with U.S., China and certain other countries;

(b) if so, the effective steps proposed to be taken in this direction particularly with U.S.A. and China; and

(c) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) Improvement in relations with the United States and China, as also with other countries, is an ongoing process, which takes place through sustained dialogue to enhance understanding, resolve differences and promote mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation. Government pursues these goals through exchange of high-level political and official visits and through appropriate bilateral institutional mechanisms.